

## Statesman Hits Highest Honors

**CRASHING** boldly through the sonic barrier in scholastic journalism, the UMD STATESMAN received word this week that an All-American rating had been given the publication for papers published during the first semester of this year.

A milestone in campus journalism, the All-American rating is highly prized and is awarded to a limited number of student publications semi-annually by the Associated Collegiate Press.

**THUS THE STATESMAN** became one of seven weekly papers in the enrollment class between 2000 and 1250 to receive these highest honors. The All-American rating was received by the campus paper in 1949 and 1951, but had not been awarded to the STATESMAN in recent years.

Editor Bob Burt was quick to point out that the real credit for reaching the top rating belonged to the staff as a team.

"**TIRELESS** reporters and assistant editors deserve open congratulations," he said. "Co-operative news sources, printers, photographers and engravers should receive awards for their part."

Last year's campus sheet drew a second class rating with a total score of 1,445 points of a possible 1,800. This year's STATESMAN was scored excellent in 19 of 23 categories, giving a total of 1,750 points. The lowest score allowed in the All-American division was 1,650.

Judging all college daily and weekly newspapers, G. D. Hiebert, a former editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, wrote a number of helpful comments in the guidebook accompanying the rating announcement.

**COVERAGE, CONTENT** and department page categories received substantial increases from the judge. Superior ratings were given features, sports coverage and layout of sports pages. Bonus points were recorded in department and physical categories.

Specific articles cited for commendation included Gene Gruba's feature on the "Petey" drive, the human interest piece of Roger Bergman's election to the post of Proctor mayor and Ann Ganyo's writeup of Santa working his way through college in the person of Arne Johnson. Personality stories by Ralph and Don Romano on the sports side of the paper drew special praise also.

## Publication Applications Deadline Tuesday For Major Positions

Filings for the position of editor and business manager for each the STATESMAN and CHRONICLE will continue open through Tuesday.

**INTERESTED STUDENTS** may obtain application forms in the OSPS, Main 213, and should file them with News Service director Clarence Anderson by Tuesday. An early decision regarding staff appointments for the coming year is expected.

**SELECTION OF EDITORS** again this year will be made by an all-faculty committee on University Relations. A proposed plan for a student board of publications is undergoing further study before being recommended to the provost for final approval.



## The UMD Statesman

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### Prom Details Prepared

Decorations and other details were being readied at a feverish pace to assure a beautiful setting in the physical building next Saturday night for the annual Prom. This year's affair will feature the music of Eddie Grady and the Commanders, Decca recording artists.

Tickets at \$3.50 per couple are on sale now in Main hall. An error in last week's paper confused some students as to the actual price of tickets.

Junior class officers Dennis Ojakangas, Lee Ellis and Virginia Buus head the prom planning group. Ojakangas has announced the following chairmen: decorations, Al Landgren; tickets, Ed Gillespie and Bill Griffith; arrangements, Dave Mason; publicity, Pete Thorsteinson; business manager, Darrel Warner; and concessions, Kathleen Letourneau.

Decorations will be built around a theme of "Lullaby of Birdland." With extensive efforts, the committee anticipates transforming the interior of the physical building to an atmosphere of grace and charm.

Band conductor Eddie Grady is a veteran of the Tommy Dorsey, Glen Miller and Benny Goodman bands. After gaining fame as one of the most versatile modern day percussionists, he was asked to form the Commanders working with the famed arrangements of Camarta for the Decca recording firm.

### Name Given New Award; Retreat Set

**TOP LEVEL** service recognition awards to be presented at a banquet May 23 will be named "Sieur DuLuth" in honor of the famed explorer of this region.

While making this announcement at Tuesday's commission meeting, awards chairman Virginia Lampson noted that the deadline for filing recommendations has been extended through today.

Any student may be nominated for an award, she stressed. Extra forms for student or faculty nomination are in Main 211.

**OTHER BUSINESS** included discussion of a campus visit by five students from Iceland, currently touring the state. Pete Thorsteinson and other commissioners entertained them yesterday.

**REINSTATEMENT** was voted for two commissioners at their request after absence caused their suspension last week.

**SPRING RETREAT** for leadership was announced for YMCA Camp Miller later this month.

The weekend of May 26 and 27 has been designated by the Congress of Student Organizations and the National Student Association for their jointly-sponsored leadership training conference.

Expenses will be shared by student commission funds and individuals or the groups they represent.

**HAPPY STAFF** of STATESMAN shown against backdrop of All-American papers. From the left Editor Bob Burt raises a hand in victory shout. Assistant editor Katherine Coughlin, sportsmen Ralph and Don Romano and features editor Ann Ganyo were pleased and enthused with the announcement this week that the campus paper had been awarded the top honors in scholastic journalism. (Photo by Howard Naddy.)

## Campus Votes Today For New Commission

Polls open at 8 a. m. today in Main and science buildings in an all-campus election selecting 13 members to the student commission and indicating preference of three proposed nicknames.

Any regularly enrolled students holding activity cards may participate in the balloting. Sample ballots published in the extra miniature edition of the STATESMAN yesterday contained the complete list of candidates.

Competing in the presidential race are Paul Butler and Pete Thorsteinson. For a newly created post of vice-president, John A. Hill proposes Walter Musolf on the ballot. Another new position of student center president finds Virginia Buus meeting John Seely.

Elections commissioner Don Fischer announced that each of the presidential candidates had provided election judges to sit at the polls throughout the day until the 3:30 p. m. closing.

In addition to the 13 commission posts on the ballot, three suggestions for a new campus nickname are before student voters. Falcons, Norsemen and Voyageurs are offered with the present Bulldogs on the ballot also. Another box may be checked by those favoring a change, but unsatisfied with proposals.

New commissioners will join the present student governing body at Tuesday evening's meeting. Actual transfer of the gavel from president Ralph Miller to the new chair will take place for the May 22 meeting.

Previous commission elections have seen only a third of the student body at the polls. Advance indications of interest have led observers to anticipate voting by half or more of the 1,699 students officially enrolled.

### Seniors Need Gowns

All graduating students are reminded that today is the last day to reserve caps and gowns at the UMD Bookstore, announced Dr. Gerhard von Glahn, chairman of the UMD Commencement committee. He added that graduates remember that academic costume is required at Baccalaureate.

### ROTC Cadets Get Awards At Inspection

**HONOR AWARDS** to outstanding ROTC cadet corps members will be presented Tuesday when an Air Force team will review the campus cadets in their annual inspection.

Advance notice indicated that a colonel and two other top Air Force officers would make up the federal reviewing team. The "Sweetheart of the Corps" Leilla Flint and UMD Provost R. W. Darland will take part in presentation of awards.

**DRESS PARADE** of the corps will take place on the football field adjacent to the ROTC building a 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. Any interested students or faculty were invited to see the honors at that time.

Status of the campus ROTC will be clarified from reports by the reviewing team. Inspection and personnel review will continue Wednesday and Thursday with results influencing AF decisions to maintain cadet units.

**BRIEFING FROM** cadet officers to the inspection group will take place before actual parade review. Corps commander Ralph Miller, executive officer Duane Sermon, adjutana Dave Stickney and information officer Ralph Romano with flight leaders Harold High and Frank St. Claire will participate in this briefing.



# 'Little Man' Votes Big Today

HINGED UPON the outcome of today's all-campus election are factors which will possibly change the entire pattern of student life on campus.

ELECTING THIRTEEN members to the student commission, students must carefully consider qualifications and individual personalities. Equally important is the balloting to determine student preference of proposed nicknames.

Personality factors of candidates are as important as the platforms and plans they offer. Student leaders who demonstrate real abilities to work with people and to accomplish what they purpose to do, will undoubtedly serve the campus more effectively than stubborn individuals unable to compromise for expediency.

EACH MEMBER of the student commission must be able to work well with fellow students and members of the faculty. Only a body of business-like and amiable students will find actual governing authority and ability at hand.

FROM THIRD floor windows of Washburn Hall, members of the STATESMAN staff

dropped a banner boosting the Falcons for a new campus nickname. Though the paper may hold preference for this title tying the campus to Duluth as the nation's greatest hawk flyway, student voters are urged to mark their own preference.

Whether your vote goes to Falcons, Norsemen, Voyageurs, Bulldogs or simply for a change, it is important that you express yourself.

UNLESS ONE of the proposed titles draws a clear majority of 100 votes or more, the decision for a name will be left open. Straw polls early this week found many students favoring a change, but only a few had thoroughly considered the proposals. Only one of 25 students questioned desired to retain the Bulldogs for a nickname.

YOUR RIGHT to vote in the campus election is as much a privilege as electoral powers in civil government. Exercising this privilege is your opportunity to be heard as the "little man on campus."

# The Pickwick Papers

By Gene Gruba

We had a column for today . . . but on Tuesday we found ten little notes in our P. O. therefore this column . . .

We expected people to take for granted that we sincerely believe that the first and primary function of any university is found in the book and classroom . . . But!

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In recent issues of this paper this corner has been fighting against apathy and for active participation in extra-curricular activities, but we have never believed or stated that UMD should be a social whirl and the STATESMAN a Blue Book! Extra-curricular activity is definitely secondary to scholastic pursuits . . . But!

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Every academic department on this campus sponsors an extra-curricular organization . . . Why? And why do these organizations have a faculty member as advisor? If these organizations are so much bunk why do these same faculty members waste their valuable time serving in their advisory capacity?

If the scholastic rating of this college were one of the top in the nation it would be possible to understand why that lack of enthusiasm in outside activity . . . but it is not!

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We have never seriously defended beer drinking and brawling.

If you are a member of an organization we only desire that you give purpose for that organization's being by being an active member. We want to build this campus and is there any other way, but active organizations?

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What good in that education you seem to be fighting hard for if it's only theory and no actual practice. You can get that opportunity to practice what you know in your extra-curricular activities . . . of you make them good enough.

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Here's an example: This paper made All-American this week. This not only brings credit to this campus . . . but it shows Editor Burt and company that they can put what they know to work!

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Forget what you've just read . . . don't pay any attention . . . but do ask your instructors . . . they'll tell you and you'll believe!

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And now 12:45 and the inkwell is dry . . . This isn't for everybody . . . You know who you are! Bedtime so thirty!

# . . . And . . . Now To Muse . . .

By JOHN HILL

Now that we can place them in their proper perspective, let's review the campus convention of two weeks ago and the campus play last week.



Overall, the convention was both interesting and good; there were a lot of fallacies in procedure, but anything in its first stage is going to be somewhat less than perfect (Ralph Miller did a fine job at a hard job, chairing the convention). Some improvements are needed, however: First, less than one-twentieth of our student body was there, and for over sixty per cent of our students, the independents, there was not one delegate.

Next, how were delegates pledged to the organizations they supposedly represented: Some of the organizations voted among

themselves and their delegates were pledged according to ratio of voting, others voted as a block (example: if a club had forty-one members and the vote was twenty-one votes for one candidate and twenty for another, the one with twenty-one votes received all the delegates of that club), and some were self-appointed delegates.

If the convention is going to continue to cut down the number of candidates to two (and this seems to be the majority opinion) then we predict a party system in later years. A good idea, for then we'll have a commission standing and working together for the same platform.

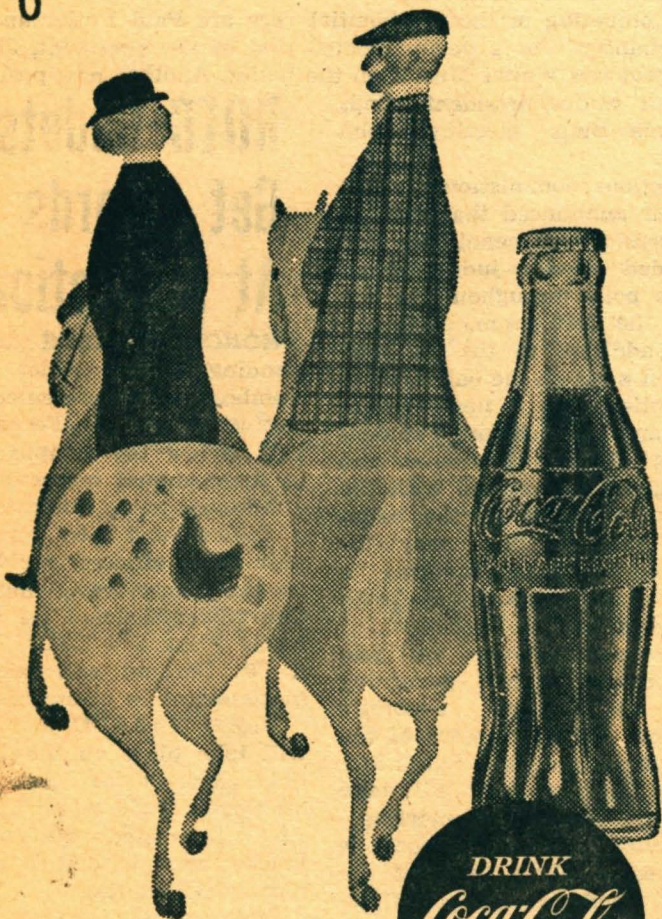
When you consider such plays as "Streetcar Named Desire", "Kiss Me, Kate", and "Cyrano de Bergerac", you know that we have a real theatre here at UMD, one that correlates spirit, talent, cooperation and good hard work. Cyrano was great! Last fall, I asserted in this column that Doug Rapp was, in all likelihood, the best and most versatile actor on campus; his last performance only proves my thesis.

I could, of course, continue to compliment the rest of the leads, Ev Rapp (and you don't have to speak of her as Doug's sister; she can and does stand on her own merits); but I want particularly to praise the smaller roles such as the orange girl played by Audrey Best (her scene with Cyrano—the soft strength—was one of the greatest in the entire show), the technical workers such as Tom Sullivan and Bob Frets, and finally the director, "Doc," Harold L. Hayes; congratulations!

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. . . and don't forget the Prom next Saturday; if you haven't a date (look who's talking), there might still be time . . . ; oh, yes, if any mothers are reading this, "Happy Mother's Day"!

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# Tracksters Sweep Over Virginia On Home Track

Captain Dave Stickney swept to victories in the mile and two mile events to lead the UMD track squad to a 88½-32½ conquest of Virginia JC. The dual meet, first of the year on the UMD track saw the host Bulldogs collect nine of the 13 first places for the sweep.

Larry Bonnicatto, Virginia JC joined Stickney as a double winner with firsts in the low and high hurdles.

The meet turned out as was expected with the Bulldogs balance overcoming their weaknesses in the hurdles. The performance of John Bymark in the high hurdles gave promise, as a fall prevented a first place finish.

Mile: Stickney, UMD; Laulunen, UMD; Champa, Virginia. Time: 4:45.8  
100-yard dash: Merry, UMD; DeCaugney, UMD; Borone, Virginia. Time: 10.5.

High jump: Lakso, UMD; Myhre, UMD; Baland, Virginia and Lindahl, UMD (tied for 3rd) Distance-5' 10".  
880-yard run: Hellman, Virginia; Lindahl, UMD; Laulunen, UMD. Time 2:11.5.

Broad jump: Cline, Virginia; Lakso UMD; DeCaugney UMD. Distance 19' 3".

Two mile: Stickney UMD; Lindahl, UMD; D. Smith, UMD. Time: 10:54.5.  
440 yard run: C. Smith, UMD; Holt, UMD; Wells, Virginia. Time: 55.4.

Shot put: Royer, UMD; Johnson, Virginia; Anttila, UMD. Distance—42' 5½".

High hurdles: Bonnicatto Virginia; Bymark, UMD; Gonyea, UMD. Time 16.8.

220 yard dash: DeCaugney, UMD; Gustafson, UMD; Merry, UMD. Time —:23.7.

Discus: MacDonnell, UMD; Royer, UMD; Lamppa, Virginia. Distance—125' 1".

Low hurdles: Bonnicatto, Virginia; Heikkinen UMD; Gonyea UMD. Time —:27.3.

880 relay: UMD C. Smith, Gustafson, Weld, DeCaugney. Time—1:41.

Pole Vault: Olson, Virginia; Lund, Virginia; and Engstrom, UMD, tie. Height 11' 2".

## Bulldog Tales

By RALPH ROMANO

With elections today, the sports staff reviews athletic views of enadidates for presidential race and athletic commissioner.

Through our observations and contact wiht Paul Butler and Pete Thorsteinson, we find that both have progressive athletic viewpoints.

### FLAMAN vs JOHNSON

Before proceeding let it be known that through intimate contact in a personal way, I am strictly pro Flaman. It is not for that reason that I comment on the platform of Jim Johnson. But rather, as the incumbent commissioner, I feel that many planks in his platform either violate accepted policy or threaten to give UMD a reputation of an athletic machine when it is nearer the other extreme.

Th points of conflict are, first: "Coordinate more closely with the alumni in recruiting." Our alumni is non-existent. This recruiting they are doing must be for ushers for games, not athletes. Sceond: "Maintaining a file of area high school athletes." What are we going to do with the file after it is compiled? Get the alumni to help in recruiting hte star athletes?

When Johnson issued his platform, we personally contacted him on the repercussions of his schemes and suggested dilation. Although impossible and basically undesirable, he continues to push these points.



## Elected By WAA

Janice Toms was elected President for next year at the WAA meeting held Monday evening. Other officers elected were Betty Lawson, vice-president; Annie Clement, secretary; Anna Pechacek, treasurer. Audrey Burns and Judy Fisher will serve as publicity and sports chairmen respectively. Dorothy Niemi will remain on the board as an ex-officio member.

The award banquet will be held at the Fifth Avenue hotel May 22. The newly elected officers are in charge of the banquet. Audrey Burns is in charge of decorations.

The annual cabin party plans are progressing rapidly. All girls planning on attending the award banquet and/or the cabin party are asked to sign up as soon as possible.

## Sports Slate

### TRACK

St. Thomas today here  
High Schools tomorrow here

### TENNIS

Virginia JC tomorrow here  
Hamline May 16 there  
St. Thomas May 17 there

# UMD Hosts St Thomas Today; High Schools Vie Here Tomorrow

The full force of the track season is upon UMD. The Bulldogs face St. Thomas this afternoon and host the area high schools tomorrow. Both meets are scheduled for the oval on the upper campus.

St. Thomas, winner of their own invitational and UMD, the second place finisher, will square off at 3 p. m. today. The Tommies field a balanced team aided by Dale Rolewiz in the mile and two mile, and Rog Smed in the high and low hurdles. The pair captured firsts in these events at the recent invitational. While the visitors claim a lack of depth in some departments, their overall showing of 67¾ points at the recent meet displays a strong team.

## Tennis Team Play Begins This Week

The UMD tennis team, crippled by a prolonged attack of cold weather, will play in three meets this week as they prepare for the conference meet May 18.

The week's schedule has Virginia JC tomorrow in a duel meet on the tennis courts behind Torrance, Hamline May 16 and St. Thomas May 17. The latter two meets in St. Paul when the Bulldogs move in for a three day stand.

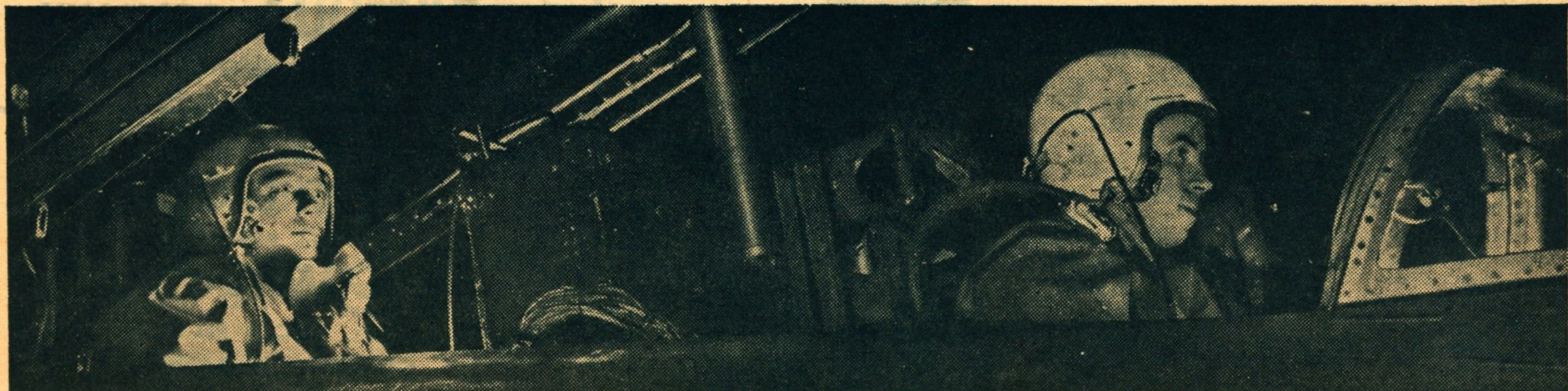
Bruce Bixon with Terry Shuster and brothers — Joe and Bob Hattin, form the team coach Lew Rickert plans to use in them hope of capturing the MIAC crown. Joe and Bob are the doubles team.

As the season begins to shape up, St. Thomas, UMD's opponent on May 17 is emerging a slight favorite to retain the crown they have held for two years. Eight lettermen, including Mike Dunn, a top prospect for singles honors and Dick Collons—Scott Cassidy, a strong doubles pair, have been successful in earlier meets.

The high school invitational, initiated this year by Coach Joe Gerlach, sees Central, Denfeld, East and Morgan Park of Duluth with Hibbing, Greenway, Grand Rapids, and Chisholm from the range in competition. Mickey McClelland, who broke the low hurdles record for the Hibbing meet and Al Dahlin in the shot and discus are the major threats from Denfeld. Norm Gill, Central miler, and dashman Stan Krupp of East will face some tough competition in their specialties.

In the two MIAC meets in which UMD has participated four Bulldogs have gained firsts. Chuck Merry won the broad jump at St. Thomas with Dave Stickney, mile, Jim Lakso, high jump, and Mort Engstrom, pole vault victors at St. John's. A strong group of middle distance men and Bob Anttila and Leon Royer in the weights have counted in the point column. Royer at present holds the UMD shotput record.

The UMD track in its second year of use is expected to be fast if weather conditions remain favorable. The starting time for the St. Thomas events this afternoon are 3 p. m.



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# Student Center Committee Filings Open To Students

As the nucleus of student life on campus, the new student center's existence demands a comprehensive program of activity.

This program is to be handled by the students, with the work being divided into several committees, each concentrating on a particular field of interest.

Students interested in becoming part of the formation of the program are asked to file in the office of student personnel services by May 17. Application blanks are available in the OSPS and on posters found in the science building and in Main.

The house and finance committee concerns itself with the use of the building by the various campus organizations and also with the financial dealings of the student center committees.

The center services committee will be in charge of the lost and found, the check rooms, the television set and coordinate the food services and the dormitories. The educational and cultural committee is to be responsible for the educational program including the record collection and the "Hi-Fi" set, art, movies and lectures in cooperation with the convocations and lectures committee.

The social program will handle dances and other social events at the student center including a weekly dance program and coffee hours.

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Friday, May 11—Film, "Re-noir to Picasso", Main Aud., 8 p. m. All-School Election, Voting Booths in Main and Science Bldg., 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. LSA Banquet, Lincoln hotel, 7 p. m. WAA Cabin Party.

Saturday, May 12—WAA Cabin Party.

Sunday, May 13—Recital, Sigma Alpha Iota, Tweed Hall, 3 p. m. UMD Jewish Fellowship Club, Tweed Hall, 7:15 p. m. Gamma Theta Phi, Washburn, 7:15 p. m.

Monday, May 14—Co-Rec Swim, UMD Pool, 12:30-1:30 p. m. Student Recital, Tweed Hall, 3:15 p. m. Faculty Wives, Tweed Hall, 8 p. m. Orientation leaders, Main 200, 7 p. m.

Tuesday, May 15—Co-Rec Swim, UMD Pool, 12-1 noon.

Orientation Leaders, Main 200, 3 p. m. Student Com., Washburn, 6-8 p. m. Band Concert, Main Aud., 8 p. m.

Wednesday, May 16—Poetry Readings, Blue Room, Tweed Hall, 4:15 p. m. Home Economics Club Banquet, Medical Arts, 6:30 p. m. Beta Phi Kappa, Washburn, 5:30-7:30 p. m. Kindergarten-Primary Club, Kdg. room, 7:30 p. m. PEMMS picnic.

Thursday, May 17—Kindergarten-Primary Club Tea, Tweed Hall, 3-5 p. m. UMD Christian Fellowship, Washburn, 7-8 p. m. Canterbury Club, St. Paul's Episcopal Ch., 5:30 p. m. Wesley Foundation, Endion Methodist Ch., 5:30 p. m. Lutheran Student Assoc., LSA Student Center, 5 p. m. and dinner at First Lutheran Ch., 6 p. m. United Youth Fellowship, Pilgrim Congregational Ch., 6 p. m. Newman Club, Holy Rosary, 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, May 19—JUNIOR PROM, Eddie Grady & the Commanders, Physical Education Bldg., 9 p. m.-1 a. m.

Sunday, May 20—Senior Recital, Andrew Pappas and Paul Backlund, Tweed Hall, 4 p. m. Gamma Theta Phi, Washburn, 7:15 p. m.

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